

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 103 over Messel et al. (US 2004/0204125) in view of Airas (US 2005/0119032). This rejection is traversed. The Airas publication was filed on August 4, 2004, whereas the present application was filed on February 27, 2004. Therefore, Airas is not prior art to this application and the rejection of these claims must be withdrawn. The subject matter of claims 7 and 8 has now been put into claim 1. This same subject matter is also included in new claim 33, which is a means plus function apparatus claim that corresponds to the method claim 1. These claims are therefore in condition for allowance, as are the claims that depend from these independent claims.

This application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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